

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claim 5 has been amended to clarify the term "luminance-enhancement film" and claims 8-10 have been added.

Support for the new claims is found in the original application, in particular in original claim 3.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTSIN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph [0050] has been amended as follows:

In the laminated optical device according to the invention, the birefringent layer exhibiting a luminance-enhancing function may be provided as described above or a ~~luminance-enhancing~~ luminance enhancing film may be formed separately and laminated. Examples of the ~~luminance-enhancing~~ luminance enhancing film include: a film reflecting linearly polarized light such as DBEF (tradename, made by 3M Company); a circular dichroic film reflecting circularly polarized light such as PCF (tradename, made by Nitto Denko Corp.); and a film transmitting linearly polarized light by scatter anisotropy such as DRPF (tradename, made by 3M Company). Each of these luminance-enhancing functional layers may be formed as the birefringent layer. A suitable adhesive agent such as a tackiness agent can be used for laminating the ~~luminance-enhancing~~ luminance enhancing film. The adhesive layer is preferably as thin as possible.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) A laminated optical device according to claim 1, further comprising a luminance-enhancement film laminated.

New claims 8-10 have been added.